

CONCERT AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Talented Amateurs
Please an Apprecia-
tive Audience.

In spite of the severe weather over three hundred people attended the concert given by the Honolulu High School students at the school last night. Those who did, were well repaid, for seldom has an amateur organization pleased its audience so much as the students did last evening.

From the first number, a selection by the High School Glee Club, to the finale, Wagner's "Tannhauser," the concert was a complete success.

The decorations were very pretty and consisted of decked bamboo and lei lehua, the Hawaiian holly. To Miss Josephine Stone and her corps of able assistants must be given credit for the tasteful appearance of the hall.

A platform was erected at the end of the hall, and on this the pupils stood while performing their several parts.

"Lovely Appear," by Gounod was the first song on the program, and this was followed by Van Bree's "Brooks Shall Mourn." The fresh young voices rang out clear and sweet in "Praise Cecilia's Day" and the tonality was well high perfect.

Perhaps one of the most heartily applauded numbers was Chopin's "Polonaise," as played by Miss Marguerite Creighton. Miss Creighton is an artist of no mean ability, and Chopin was played as he should be.

The Boys' chorus showed careful training, their rendition of "The Anvil Chorus" being distinctly good.

Mr. Arthur Lando was well received as he stepped on the stage to play "Poppies" on his violin. His work with the bow elicited well-merited applause.

"'Twas you, Sir!" made a decided hit, and to satisfy the popular demand, the boys repeated their effort.

Miss McGreevy's violin solo was well received.

"Adore and be Still," the only distinctly Christmas song on the program was considered by many to be the best number on the evening. Mrs. Crockett was the prima donna of the evening.

Miss Dolla Fennell's reputation as a pianist was established last evening. Mrs. Yarmley is already established and music-lovers had an opportunity to gratify their taste for duets, as both she and Miss Fennell played two.

In "Nazareth," Mr. Perry was at his best. His rich bass sounded clear and (Continued on Page Five.)

BUCK WATERHOUSE IN NEW YORK



AS YARMLEY SAW HIM.

Thirty-nine Japanese, twenty-three of them of the gentler sex, faced Judge Whitney yesterday morning, all being charged with vagrancy. The judge remanded the bunch until January 4.

Willie Cahill hooked two fish yesterday, value ten cents, and landed in the police station charged with larceny in the second degree. A Chinese fish seller is the complainant.

FAMINE SITUATION GROWING WORSE IN CHINESE PROVINCE

Starving People Rioting and Robbing
in Their Desperation—Mrs.
J. G. Blaine Free.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SHANGHAI, December 23.—The famine in the Kiangsu district is growing worse. Brigandage and rioting has broken out among the starving people. The government will probably provide relief work to help the inhabitants of the district.

It is for the sufferers in this famine district that President Roosevelt has issued an appeal to the American people for a relief fund. The cable a few days ago put the number of destitute in this district at a half million. The Kiangsu district is the one in which Shanghai is situated, and the population is stated to be over twenty millions.

BLAINE'S WIFE HAS SECURED A DIVORCE

YANKTON, North Dakota, December 23.—Mrs. J. G. Blaine has secured a divorce.

James G. Blaine, Jr., is the son of the late James G. Blaine, ex-Secretary of State. His wife was formerly Miss Martha Hichborn, a daughter of Rear Admiral Hichborn. The couple were married in Washington in July, 1901, in opposition to the surviving parents of each. As Captain Jimmie Blaine the divorced husband is well known in Honolulu, having made himself very prominent during a few days' stop here on the way to the Philippines during the war.

He first attracted public attention in the East by eloping with the daughter of Representative Palmer, deserting her three weeks later. He next tried the gold cure at White Plains, N. Y. Then he lost his heart to Miss Beveridge, an Eastern society girl, who turned him down and refused to accept his attentions, this driving him off to the war. In Honolulu he offered his heart to a prominent matron, whose husband put the young gallant in line for a pension.

He and his wife have been separated since 1903.

SENATOR ANKENY DEAD.

PORTLAND, Oregon, December 23.—Levi Ankeny died yesterday.

Senator Levi Ankeny, representative of the State of Washington in the Senate, was born in Missouri in 1844, crossing the plains when six years old. His first work was connected with the transportation of ore from the Idaho mines. He later engaged in banking and was at the time of his death the president of seven banks in Washington and Oregon. He was a member of the Republican National Committee and was elected to the Senate in 1903.

MAY TIE UP SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December 23.—The engineers and firemen employed on the Southern Pacific railroad threaten to go out on strike today. Three thousand men are involved.

RESCUE PARTY REACHES HICKS.

BAKERSFIELD, December 23.—L. U. Hicks was reached by the rescue party yesterday and taken out of the tunnel which caved in and imprisoned him on December 8.

DIRECT STEAMER WANTED BETWEEN HILO AND JAPAN

(By Wireless Telegraph.)

HILO, December 22.—Japanese here are subscribing to a fund to aid a Japanese company in establishing a monthly steamer service between Hilo and Yokohama. The vessel will probably be procured. Local subscribers want to save the delay and expense caused by Honolulu transshipment.

JAIL FOR LESE CIGARETTES.

VIENNA, December 8.—The correspondent of the Milan Secolo vouches for an extraordinary case of lese majeste at Lemberg, Galicia. The accountant of an industrial establishment, whose brother is a well known Polish artist, entered a tobaccoist's to purchase cigarettes. Having bought some of the brand Emperor Franz Josef affects, the buyer found himself without money.

He told the tobaccoist somewhat brusquely that he would pay him the next day. The tobaccoist retorted that imperial cigarettes were not sold on credit. An altercation ensued and it wound up by the customer throwing the cigarettes on the counter with the exclamation:

"The imperial cigarettes may go to the devil!"

Some days afterward the accountant was summoned to the district court, where he was charged with having spoken disrespectfully of the Emperor. A case of lese majeste was made out, and the accountant was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

He sent a petition to the Emperor, which unfortunately fell into the hands of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, who is a great stickler for imperial privileges. He refused to mitigate the sentence and the unfortunate man went to jail.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND LIVES.

MEXICO CITY, November 23.—Eugene Metz, Chilean Consul to Mexico City, received an official notice from his government last night to the effect that the report circulated last August, at the time of the disastrous earthquake, saying that Juan Fernandez Island had sunk into the ocean, was untrue. The doctor said that the report of the disappearance of the island was at first credited everywhere, and no efforts were made to verify it. A short time ago, however, warships were sent out by the Chilean government, and the island and its inhabitants were found uninjured.

LIVE WIRE IN STREET.

A wet branch torn by the wind from a nearby tree fell across the electric light wires near the corner of Punch-bowl and Beretania avenue last night about seven o'clock. The branch short circuited the electric fluid, and there were some lively fireworks for a few minutes until the branch burned through and fell to the ground. The blaze lasted long enough to alarm some of those living near, one of whom telephoned an alarm to the Central Fire Station. The department turned out, but it was all over before they arrived.

OUR STATESMAN AT HOME.

The Washington correspondent of the Advertiser says that the statesmen at the capital are expecting the Hawaiian Delegate to Congress to join them soon. They wouldn't be if they had caught a glimpse of him last night shooting off torpedoes in front of a building in which the police had just shut down a skin game. Congress has met and adjourned for the holidays. Hawaii looms big in the nation's eye in connection with the Japanese agitation, the need of fortifications for the Territory and the pointed references to Hawaiian questions contained in the President's message, but so long as the toy torpedoes hang out let her loom.

DAMAGE TO ROADS.

The present storm has done considerable damage to the county road in the vicinity of Waikakalan, where three washouts have occurred, and at Kipapa gulch, where the whole road has slipped out of place. The roads had been softened up by the previous storms and were in just the proper shape to receive the maximum damage from this one. At the two places mentioned it is estimated that over \$5000 damage has been done.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANSWERS BELLAMY STORER'S PAMPHLET.

I first met the Storers while I was Civil Service Commissioner. They were then kind and friendly in their relations with me and my family.

I submitted to conduct from Mr. and Mrs. Storer to which I would have submitted from no other ambassador and his wife.

I did not resent their actions until it became evident they were likely to damage American interests.

Mrs. Storer insisted to me often that their change of creed had proved a deadly blow to her husband's career, and that they were suffering for conscience sake.

Mr. and Mrs. Storer were greatly interested in securing the promotion of Archbishop Ireland to be cardinal.

I asked (at their request) President McKinley whether he could properly do anything to help Archbishop Ireland. He responded that it was not a matter with which he could with propriety interfere, although he expressed himself as having the same high opinion of Archbishop Ireland that I had.

I explained repeatedly that my friendship and admiration for Archbishop Ireland * * * would make me pleased to see any good fortune attend him.

The assertion that in any private conversation I took an opposite position from that which I was repeatedly expressing in writing is not only an untruth, but an absurd untruth.

Mr. Storer asserts that he and Mrs. Storer and various other people, after conversations with me, put down memoranda as to what they remembered I had said. If such action was taken, it was, of course, simply dishonorable.

The Storers were my guests at the time when, as they assert, they made these memoranda of private conversations with me.

Both she (Mrs. Storer) and Mr. Storer continually made attacks upon all sorts of people, especially dignitaries of her own church. * * * She wrote me with great bitterness against the Protestant missionaries who were being sent to the Philippines.

The President replied: I always treat Catholic and Protestant exactly alike, as I do Jew and Gentile, as I do the man of native American, German, Irish, or any other kind of parentage. As soon as I became President I began receiving letters from Mrs. Storer, asking for the promotion of Mr. Storer, and letters from both complaining * * * of the character and standing of various people in the public service.

Eight days after President McKinley's death Mrs. Storer wrote me, urging that I appoint Mr. Storer to the Cabinet. When I explained that I did not intend to remove anyone or make any changes in the Cabinet, she wrote me suggesting the embassy at London or Paris, * * * and stating that Mr. Choate and General Porter were not proper persons to be Ambassadors.

Mr. Storer asserts that President McKinley commissioned a gentleman to ask (of the pope) the appointment of Archbishop Ireland as cardinal. This is the direct contrary of what President McKinley told me was his attitude in the matter, and Mr. Cortelyou, who was then his private secretary, writes me as follows:

"* * * This statement of Mr. Storer distorts what was evidently an expression of deep personal regard and respect for an individual into what is in substance a request for his advancement as a member of an ecclesiastical organization. The late President never made such a request."

As for Mr. Storer's assertion that I authorized him to make such a statement as he says he was authorized to make to the pope, it is untrue. I gave him no such authorization.

I never received from him any letter giving any such account of his visit to the Vatican.